

D1 nucleotide sequence of **SEQ ID NO:1.**

Sigel 3. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid sequence encodes ROC1 having the amino acid sequence given herein as **SEQ ID NO:2.**

D2 4. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid sequence has the nucleotide sequence given herein as **SEQ ID NO:1.**

5. (Amended) An expression vector comprising an isolated polynucleotide according to Claim 1.

Sigel D3 13. (Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide complementary to the nucleic acid sequence encoding ROC1 of Claim 1 and having a length sufficient to hybridize thereto under physiological conditions.

Sigel D4 16. (Amended) A method for producing a protein, comprising
(a) culturing a host cell containing an expression vector comprising a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of **SEQ ID NO:2**, or a fragment thereof, under conditions suitable for the expression of the protein; and
(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.